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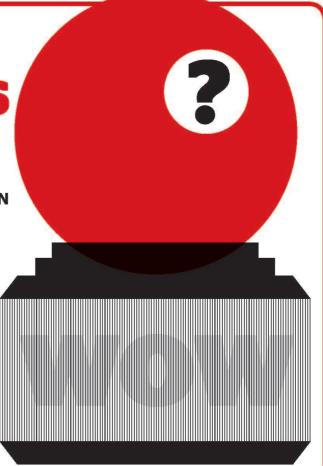
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### Kennedy memorial

The casket of the late Sen. Edward Kennedy is placed in a hearse Thursday at the Kennedy family compound in Hyannis Port, Mass. Later, a motorcade carrying the body passed miles of mourners as it proceeded from the Cape Cod home where he spent his final days to the presidential library in Boston bearing the name of his slain brother, John. AP

# **ACLU: Facebook knows way too much**

#### MCT

Privacy advocates have long warned that users of Facebook and other social networks who seek amusement from quizzes like "What Simpsons Character Are You?" might be mortified by the way creators of such applications can access and potentially "scrape" personal information—not just about the quiz-takers, but their friends as well.

Now, engaging in some online jujitsu, the ACLU of Northern California is employing a cautionary Facebook quiz of its own to illustrate how quizzes that may seem "perfectly harmless" can release an array of data to the wider world.

The app, titled "What Do Facebook Quizzes Know About You?" delivers its answer by opening a window that scrolls biographical data, attributed comments and photos.

More than 8,000 participants have taken the ACLU's quiz since it was quietly released



a few days ago, the ACLU said Wednesday. The group hopes to prompt Facebook to upgrade its privacy default settings for its users. Facebook, which boasts of building its success on creating an online environment users trust, said Wednesday that it has been actively policing its service in recent days and has disabled hundreds of applications, including some quiz apps, found to be inconsistent with Facebook policies.

The text of ACLU's quiz put it in ominous terms: "Once details about your personal life

are collected by a quiz developer, who knows where they could end up or how they could be used. Shared? Sold? Turned over to the government?"

The group acknowledged the irony of its approach: "We know it's a little weird to warn you about Facebook quizzes by asking you to take a Facebook quiz—but at least you know who we are and that we have a real privacy policy that we're committed to upholding. Can you say the same for every unknown author of every quiz you or your friends take?"



# Goodbye, robots

# FTC to ban most telemarketing 'robocalls'

#### **Associated Press**

Many of those annoying prerecorded telemarketing calls will be history starting Sept. 1.

The Federal Trade Commission said Thursday that it is banning these "robocalls" to consumers, unless the telemarketer has written permission from a customer that he or she wants to receive these calls.

FTC Chairman Jon Leibowitz said American consumers have made it "crystal clear that few things annoy them more than the billions of commercial telemarketing robocalls they receive every year."

Violaters will face penalties of up to \$16,000 per call.

Before the ban, consumers had to specifically join a do-not-call list to avoid prerecorded telemarketing calls. But after Sept. 1, consumers shouldn't get most of these calls anymore. If they do get one, they can file a complaint with the commission online through **ftc.gov** or by calling 1-877-FTC-HELP.

Consumers already on the National Do Not Call Registry should not be getting live and prerecorded telemarketing calls. But now, all consumers are protected from getting most robocalls. That leaves telemarketers with the limited option of making a live call to someone not on the registry.

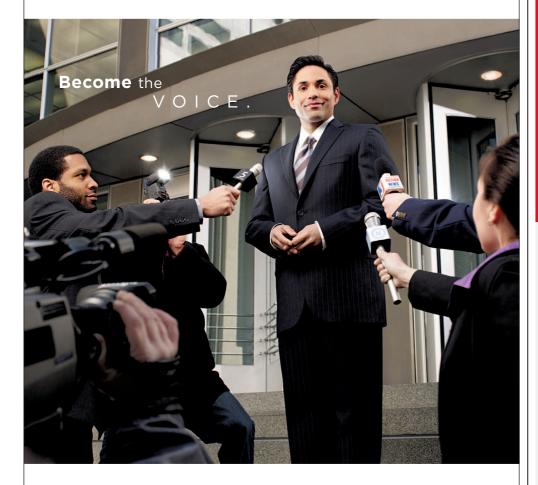
"If consumers think they're being harassed by robocallers, they need to let us know, and we will go after them," Leibowitz said.

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But there are exceptions—plenty of exceptions. Calls that are not trying to sell goods and services to consumers will be exempt, such as those that provide information like flight cancellations and delivery notices and those from debt collectors.

Other calls not covered by the Telemarketing Sales Rule include those from politicians, charities that contact consumers directly, banks, insurers, phone companies, survey calls and certain health care messages such as prescription notifications. These don't fall under the jurisdiction of the FTC, a commission spokesman said.





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#### **TALK TO US**

How do you feel about Michael Richards' upcoming return to TV? Weigh in at redeyechicago. com/kylesfiles, where you also will see the rest of the pop pundits' responses and the ending of that over-tan episode. Frequent filers may even get the chance to join the team.

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# **Deconstructing Cosmo Kramer**

Cosmo Kramer had me at "giddyup."

The "Seinfeld" character with the bouffant 'do, Groucho Marx brows and long, lanky frame stood out even among his fellow quirky characters. He brought us the jimmy legs, a literal coffee table book and a propensity to slide, rather than stroll, into a room.

But it's been a while since Kramer, or the actor who portrayed him, has invoked anything other than anger, as far as I'm concerned. Call me stubborn, but I am still not over Michael Richards' "n-word" meltdown in 2006.

I even considered boycotting the upcoming fall season of "Curb Your Enthusiasm" and rolled my eyes at the photo of him on Entertainment Weekly's "Curb" cover this week. Why so serious?

Despite his subsequent apology and excuse-making tour, I firmly believe that Richards revealed true racism in his attack on black Laugh Factory patrons. He even referenced lynching at one point in his tirade, eliminating any hope of explaining away his "n-word" usage as an impromptu audition for a Tarantino film.

Even Richards didn't buy his own b.s., and that's likely why he checked himself into pop purgatory, a dismal dimension currently inhabited by Mel Gibson, Duane "Dog the Bounty Hunter" Chapman, and "Grey's Anatomy" alum (and "f-word" utterer) Isaiah Washington.

But unlike those other shunned stars, pop culture may be ready for Richards' return, as evident in his "Curb" gig and an informal poll of Kyles Files contributors.

A number of my official pop pundits said we shouldn't block Richards' road to redemption. He's served his time, a few reasoned.

"Everyone deserves a second chance, regardless sometimes of how dumb, ignorant, racist, [bigoted] of an action he or she might have taken," rapper and Englewood resident T-Y Green e-mailed me.

Indie label head and rapper Kidd Russell, too, said Richards erred big time, but deserves another roll of the dice.

Chicago Now staffer and **breakingtweets.com** entertainment editor Shari Weiss said the actor never owed pop penance, period.

"[Celebrities] can live and speak according to their own standards," Weiss, 22, e-mailed me. "There's hardly any circumstance that should prevent someone from trying to have a career and sustain a living."

I wouldn't take it quite that far, but she and my other pop peeps have a point. I'm guessing he needs a check, unless he's living off "The Michael Richards Show" residuals.

Besides, forgiveness is more for the offended than the offender. It gives Richards too much power if I continue to shun him, and frankly, I'd be sorry if I skipped "Curb."

So I'll check out the HBO show and resist the inevitable urge to change the channel whenever he appears. Maybe I can even give syndicated "Seinfeld" another shot with one notable exception: no deal on the over-tan episode during which Kramer is mistaken for a black man.

Even the staunchest Richards-defenders should be cool with that.



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# SHOOTING INTHELOOP

# Police officer kills man, wounds partner in lunch-hour incident

#### **Chicago Tribune**

A Chicago police officer shot and killed a knife-wielding man in the Loop on Thursday and accidentally wounded his partner in the chest, but he was saved by his bullet-proof vest, police officials said.

The officers initially had tried to subdue the man with pepper spray as he brandished a knife and threatened people, Supt. Jody Weis said. But when he grabbed an elderly man, one of the officers shot him and also hit his partner, Weis said.

The unidentified man, in his 50s, was taken from 190 N. State St. and pronounced dead at 1:09 p.m. at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

The wounded cop also was taken to Northwestern but did not appear to be seriously injured, according to fire officials.

The bullet struck him in the chest area of his vest, Weis said. "The vest was not penetrated. He was not hurt other than probably going to have a bad bruise in the morning on his ribs."

The elderly man was not injured.

The shooting occurred just before I p.m. outside the WLS-Ch. 7 studios near State and Randolph Streets, according to an officer on the scene. Witnesses said they heard as many as four or five shots.

"It probably is an incident of someone who is an aggressive panhandler," Weis said. "And then it just kept escalating. He pulled out a knife, he was threatening people. The officers tried to hit him with pepper spray, they did, no effect. He continued on and he kept escalating his actions.

"They were in very close proximity," Weis



A woman reacts at the scene of a shooting in the Loop, TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE

said. "The officer who was hit in the vest had actually had hands on the individual trying to disarm him. The other officer, in fear of both his partner's life and the innocent victim, he used his weapon, striking both the offender and his partner officer."

The officer who was wounded is 41 and has 11 years on the job. The other officer is 40 with 16 years on the job.

The scene attracted a huge crowd of people, many of whom had their eyes glued to the scrolling ticker on Channel 7's window to find out what was going on. Others read out loud the news from their phones.

Witness Bobby Polk said he saw the man holding an apparent hostage with "a butcher

knife" to the person's neck.

"The policeman shouted 'Stop, stop,' but he didn't and that's when [the officer] shot him," said Polk, 20. The man was burly, had a white beard and looked disheveled, he said.

Another witness, Damir Dzhafarov, 26, said that just before hearing gunshots he saw the man on the north side of Randolph walking toward State with five officers trailing and surrounding him, their guns trained on him.

The man had his hands up "defiantly, not like he was surrendering," Dzhafarov said. "He constantly was saying 'You're going to have to shoot me, [expletive] you guys,' stuff like that."



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principals chose not to
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the contract behind
closed doors.

The company's two

representatives at the auction, who sat stoically in the front row, had little to say afterward.

In a prepared statement read by a U.S. Postal Service spokesman, the company said it looked forward to making the building a "focal point" for area residents and visitors. They provided little clue what they had in mind for the building.

"We are not prepared at this time to discuss our redevelopment plans, but we are looking forward to working collaboratively with the mayor, the alderman and city staff to ensure the success of this project," the company said in a statement.

"To paraphrase Daniel Burnham, let me assure you that we shall make no small plans."

The company has three days to make a 10 percent down payment, in addition to the \$250,000 it posted to qualify as a bidder.

The auction attracted more than 100 people—including bidders, media outlets, the curious and a documentary film crew.

Before the auction, the hallway outside the ballroom resembled more of a fashion show runway as people leaned against the wall to watch bidders register, grab their paddles and head into the ballroom.

The bidding started at the suggested minimum bid of \$300,000 but quickly rose. By the time it reached \$10 million, there were a handful of bidders participating. By the time it reached \$17 million, there were only two.

The bidding pace slowed down when the price topped \$20 million and then picked up again.

Forty-five minutes after it began, paddle No. 273 was declared the winner.

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# Cubs fans: It's not bigotry; Bradley being a baby

#### **Chicago Tribune**

One day after the Wrigley Field bleacher creatures were accused of being verbally abusive, even racist, they hurled unapologetic invective at the right fielder before them, mocking the player's speed, paltry power statistics and his team's sorry record.

That player, however, was Elijah Dukes of the Washington Nationals.

Milton Bradley, the Cubs' outfielder who made the allegation about the home fans, received nothing but sarcastic tenderness.

"We love you, Milton," catcalled Andrew Mehrhoff, 38, of Hinsdale.

Two Tribune reporters in the stands for the entire game heard no vicious comments directed at Bradley, and nothing racial.

Bryon Moore, 34, of Des Moines said he'd never heard racial insults during his visits to Wrigley.

"He's just whining," said Moore, who is black.

Spectators interviewed by the Tribune were unanimous that Bradley's complaints were proof of a thin skin, not a bigoted crowd.

They said Dukes, who smirked at the fans' taunts and made an occasional comeback, handled the jibes with far more aplomb.

In the bottom of the ninth, Bradley had the chance to change a few minds. But with two outs, the Cubs down one and the tying run on second, he dribbled a weak grounder to second to end the game, capping an o-for-5 day and unleashing thousands of boos and a few bleacher curses. Still, nothing seemed over the line.

"I don't think the booing is racially motivated," said Robert Marlow, 50, a black man from Hazel Crest. "It's disappointment in his performance and what he's doing. ... We brought somebody in paying [him] \$30 million, so we expected more."

# Chicago's now home for Katrina victims



When Hurricane Katrina blew drummer Quin Kirchner from New Orleans to Chicago, he thought for sure he'd move back. He hasn't, and now he won't.

Four years after the winds of fortune blew thousands of Gulf Coast

residents to the Chicago area, many still haven't found their way back. They have built lives here. The Federal Emergency Management Agency tracked more than 6,000 people to Illinois, most of them to the Chicago area. ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/TRIBUNE

# U. of I. urges leadership replacement

#### **Chicago Tribune**

University of Illinois faculty leaders Thursday urged the replacement of the school's president and chancellor because of an admissions scandal that has rocked the state's top public institution.

"An orderly transition to new leadership for both of these positions is in the best interests of this campus, and the university," according to a statement approved by the 15-member Senate Executive Committee.

While others around the state have weighed in on the future of President B. Joseph White and Chancellor Richard Herman, this marks the first time the faculty have taken a stand. Gov. Quinn said Wednesday he would put great weight into the faculty's position.

The statement now goes to the full Senate, which is expected to vote on Monday. There are 200 faculty and 50 student members of the Senate.

Ultimately, it is up to a newly reconstituted Board of Trustees to decide whether the top two leaders should stay. White and Herman have both said they did not plan to resign. They could not be reached immediately for comment, but faculty leaders said they are both aware of the statement.

# Campaign finance bill vetoed

Gov. Quinn on Thursday vetoed the campaign finance bill that he hailed as landmark just a few months ago when lawmakers approved it, choosing to side with critics who say it is riddled with loopholes.

"Many, many people felt that we should go back to the drawing board," Quinn said at a news conference surrounded by reform groups and Democratic and Republican legislative leaders.

Later, as he signed the veto, Quinn said "OK, we'll get the job done right."

The governor said he would work with lawmakers to come up with a stronger bill in the legislature's October veto session—although it is far from certain that will happen.

The measure was a key piece of the ethics package pushed by Quinn and fellow Democrats who control the legislature in May, as they sought insulation amid the political fallout from the corruption arrest of former Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Republican legislative leaders also attended and welcomed Quinn's veto. But they repeatedly said they were shut out of the spring negotiations and that no new measure would work unless Republicans were included.

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#### By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

A clear winner has emerged from Chicago's dreary, damp summer: tanning salons.

A Better Tan, which has locations in Andersonville and Edgewater, has seen a 25 percent to 40 percent uptick in business compared with last summer, general manager James Reed Johnson said

Nevermind that tanning salons are facing heat over a July report from the International Agency for Research on Cancer, which reclassified tanning beds from "probably carcinogenic" to "carcinogenic," its highest cancer risk category.

Johnson said people are recognizing the need for vitamin D, which the body produces when skin is exposed to the sun.

"I think we're finally getting some traction on vitamin D," Johnson said. "In an indoor environment, you're controlling your rays."

In Chicago, there are 108 businesses licensed to operate tanning beds, according to a RedEye analysis of data provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health, which regulates these salons. Lincoln Park and Lakeview seem to be tanning oases, while there are few of these salons on the South Side—with the exception of the Garfield Ridge area.

It's unknown how many businesses last year had active tanning licenses because of the way the Illinois Department of Public Health keeps its records, spokeswoman Kelly Jakubek said

In recent years, tanning bed operators have faced negative light shining on their industry. The report by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, part of the World Health Organization, concluded that the risk of cutaneous melanoma is increased by 75 percent when use of tanning devices starts before the age of 30.

Johnson said he was prepared for feedback in the first two weeks after the report was released, but it was not really a problem.

"I think if nothing else, it may be a nice little warning sign, whatever you do, do it in moderation and be responsible," Johnson said. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

#### KEY TO THE MAP

There also is one tanning business at O'Hare.

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The map shows the 108 businesses in Chicago with active licenses to offer tanning services.

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Chicago's dreary summer has been good news for the city's tanning salons. PRNEWS FOTO

#### **THE RULES OF TANNING**

Tanning bed operators face requirements about sanitation, protective eyewear and client record-keeping under Illinois law.

- » Interested tanning bed operators must submit an application to the Illinois Department of Public Health for review and pay a fee of \$250.
- » Each year, tanning bed operators are required to submit a renewal form along with a \$150 fee. The IDPH or the local health department inspects each facility once during each permit year.
- » No one younger than 14 is allowed to use a tanning device. Teenagers between the ages of 14 and 17 must obtain parental written consent.
- » Each customer shall be provided with protective eyewear. The operator shall not allow a consumer to use a tanning device if the consumer will not wear protective eyewear.
- » The operator shall provide the customers access to toilet and handwashing facilities with hot and cold running water and cloth towels or disposable paper towels.
- » Dogs, cats, birds, reptiles and other pets are not permitted in tanning facilities. This exclusion does not apply to guide dogs or fish in aquariums.

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#### A bike ride for the Obamas

The Obama family went on a bike ride and then made a quick stop at a 16th Century lighthouse Thursday on Martha's Vineyard. But this was hardly the week of quiet time that Obama had sought, with Sen. Edward Kennedy's death, as well as Hurricane Bill and the nomination of Ben Bernanke for a second term as Federal Reserve chairman. APPHOTO

#### 9/11 service day

President Obama is asking Americans to volunteer on Sept. 11, making this year's anniversary of the terror attacks the first National Day of Service and Remembrance, organizers announced Thursday. David Paine, president of MyGoodDeed, joined others to unveil a national campaign to build support for the privately funded effort.

#### **Rocket firing canceled**

A mechanical failure forced a NASA contractor on Thursday to call off the first test firing of the main part of NASA's powerful new moon rocket. Alliant Techsystems called off the rocket burn with just 20 seconds left on the countdown clock. It was a setback for the carefully staged, \$75 million event.

#### **Nude model arrested**

It seems the only nudes allowed at New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art are the ones in the collection. Police say they arrested a 26-year-old woman who was posing naked for a photographer, and in full view of visitors, in the museum on Wednesday.

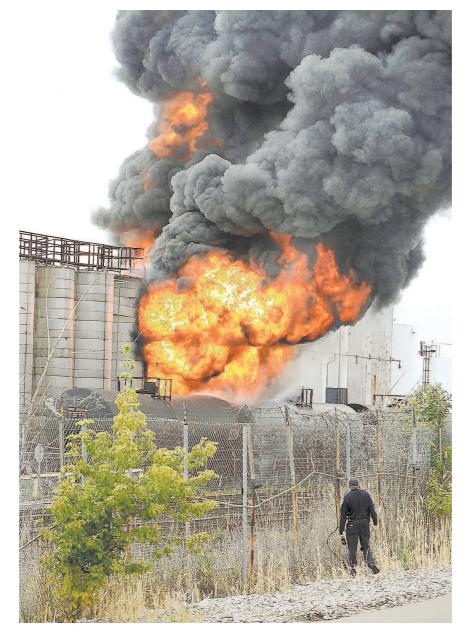
#### 19 dead in attack

A suicide bomber attacked the main border crossing for convoys ferrying supplies to U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan on Thursday, killing at least 19 security officers, officials said.

#### 8 charged in Arctic Sea case

Russia has formally filed criminal charges against eight alleged hijackers of the freighter Arctic Sea, whose voyage is still heavily shrouded in mystery. The General Prosecutor's Investigative Committee said Thursday seven of the suspects are being charged with kidnapping and piracy and the eighth with organizing the crimes.

## Fire forces evacuations



HAMTRAMCK, Mich. A fire burns at Sterling Services chemical plant Thursday, sending flames and black smoke hundreds of feet into the air. The blaze interrupted Amtrak passenger rail service and forced hundreds of people to evacuate the area. APPHOTO



# Arrests in 1991 kidnapping

PLACERVILLE, Calif. Joyous, miraculous news that a little girl kidnapped nearly two decades ago was found alive gave way Thursday to the horrifying details of how police say she has lived all those years: kept by a convicted rapist in his backyard as a sex slave and forced to bear two of his children.

Jaycee Lee Dugard, who was II in 1991 when she was snatched from her school bus stop, was locked away from the outside world behind a series of fences, sheds and tents in the back of a suburban home.

Her abductor, investigators said, raped her for years and fathered two children with her, the first when Jaycee was about 14. Those children, both girls now 11 and 15, also were kept hidden away in the backyard compound.

Dugard, now 29, was reunited Thursday with her mother, but the meeting was tempered with sadness as the family learned she had spent most of her life as a virtual slave.

"She was in good health, but living in a backyard for the past 18 years does take its toll," El Dorado County Undersheriff Fred Kollar said.

Convicted sex offender Phillip Garrido, 58, was charged with various kidnapping and sex charges. His wife also was arrested, and authorities said she was with Garrido during the kidnapping in South Lake Tahoe.

Garrido was on lifetime parole.

The case broke after Garrido was spotted Tuesday with two children as he tried to enter the University of California, Berkeley, campus to hand out religious literature. The officers said he was acting suspiciously toward the children. They questioned him and did a background check, determining he was a parolee, and informed his parole officer.

### 17-year-old sailor youngest to sail around the world

**LONDON** Freeze-dried food. Autopilot failures. Brutal storms. A 17-year-old British sailor endured all those trials and more to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world.

Mike Perham grabbed the record Thursday after sailing 28,000 miles to cross the finish line off the coast of Cornwall, in southern England, after a mere nine months.

Perham's boat, a 50-foot (15-meter) racing yacht called **Totallymoney.com** in honor of his sponsor, completed the trip Thursday morning.

Perham, who set off on Nov. 18, celebrated his 17th birthday deep in the Indian Ocean. His grueling trip was blighted by autopilot failures, rudder problems and wild weather.



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# Danica's DAYS

IndyCar superstar has things going her way but is she making the jump to NASCAR?

#### **By Ryan Smith**

FOR REDEYE

It's not a bad year to be Danica Patrick.

The 27-year-old IndyCar driver appeared in the most-watched Super Bowl commercial for 2009, was featured in the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue as a model and—oh, yes—came as close to winning the Indianapolis 500 as any woman ever has.

But Patrick isn't done yet. She's hoping to further her best season yet with a win Saturday at the Peak Antifreeze and Motor Oil Indy 300 at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet.

RedEye spoke with Illinois-raised Patrick on the phone about her career, her love of Chicago and the thing everyone's been buzzing about: her possible switch to NASCAR.

Deep dish or thin crust: Thin. "I like thin crust because you can eat more pieces that way."

What's on your iPod: The Black Eyed Peas. "My husband introduced me to 'Ten' by Pearl Jam, and I've been obsessed with that lately." Club or couch: Couch. "I'm not really a going out-and-clubbing type of person. I'm more of get-a-bottleof-wine-and-hang-out-with-friends type, something more low-key."

City street you'd like to cruise: "Lake Shore would probably be the best. Not only is it beautiful, but it's got some curves. The Skyway, too,

you could really cruise on that." R.S.

#### What's been a high point for you this year?

The high point for the season definitely was the [Indianapolis 500] and maybe the low point just because I got so close and didn't win the race. If that yellow flag wouldn't have come out with 20 to 30 laps to go ... but it did, so what can you say?

#### You've won one race so far in your IndyCar career. How bad do you want to win?

Of course, you want to win. That's my job is to win races. All of the drivers are really good and really fast, though, and anyone can win a race, so the challenge is there every weekend with all of the competition out there.

#### How does this Chicago race and this track compare with some of the others? I know you haven't had huge success here the last few years, do you think it could change this time?

It's tough. Chicago is at the end of the season, so a lot of drivers just go all out. It's good though, I like driving in Chicago, and there's great action there for the fans.

### You grew up in nearby Roscoe, III. Do you con-

sider this area "home"?

Yeah, all my friends and family are still here, and my best friend lives downtown. I come to Chicago a lot, especially during the summer.

#### Have you ever gotten a speeding ticket in Illinois?

Oh, yeah, I got plenty of speeding tickets in Illinois when I was younger. I still speed though.

### How would you sum up your IndyCar season

It's been a pretty good season, it started off really well, but we've struggled as a team on road races the last month and a half. But we've got Chicago coming up, and hopefully we can have a good finish.

#### Have you made any adjustments this season?

I think this year I've been trying to have more fun and trying to relax ... just having a good

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#### It seems like you have a bit of a reputation for having a temper in the past and getting into "spats" with other drivers. Is that fair or do you think it's overblown?

Really, I think it was last year. This year I've tried to be calm, happy and patient and trying to stay more even-keeled for myself. The races are better when I'm more calm and there's less drama.

What's the status of your decision to possibly make the move to NASCAR?

My agents are working hard and looking at my opportunities to see what's the next step in my career. I drive for a good team, and with that in mind it makes it a very tough decision to decide what to do next.

There's no way to really set a deadline, but I'd like to get it done by Christmas.

You once said this about Twitter: "I just don't get it. I don't want people to know where I am all the time. I don't think it's healthy or safe." But it seems like now you

### use Twitter semi-regularly. Did you change your mind about it?

It started out because my sponsor really wanted me to Twitter, and at first I was like I don't know. I'm not sure if I want everyone to know what I'm doing all the time.

... But once I started doing it, I realized it's pretty cool to be able to give my side of the story, and it shows a lot of my personality without me having to do a reality show or documentary.

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# Cubs, Sox move aside for Bears

I'd like to sincerely thank the Cubs, and the White Sox.

Congratulations to both on a job well done. Mission accomplished.

They've both managed to pique my interest, keep me engaged, occupy my summer.

In other words, they've gotten me all the way through training camp.

While the Cubs

have been sunk for some time, the recent White Sox trip to Boston revealed it all to me.

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The White Sox are a .500 team, nothing more, maybe something less. And I've never seen more talent wasted in a season. I'm tempted to blame the general manager. Sure, he's been aggressive, but he has a math problem. After all these trades, he's still two starters short.

Welcome to the club, Jake Peavy, we hope you pull something together real quick. But you may not be able to make up for some glaring shortages.

Jermaine Dye, Paul Konerko and Jim Thome are not what they once were. And neither is Carlos Quentin. I'm also not sure how Alex Rios really helps at this point.

Here's the thing. If the Sox weren't in the worst division I've ever seen, they would be so far off the map you would need Google Earth to find them.

Ozzie Guillen isn't innocent either. As for his starters, he should have gone with the kids by now—and I know he's got some good ones in Charlotte. Instead, Jose Contreras, Freddy Garcia and of course the round mound of no rebound, Bartolo Colon.

Sorry, but we can't turn the clock back. The best we can do is move it forward.

The Cubs are moving forward with new owners—finally. I don't know who's staying or going, but anything to get Milton Bradley out of town ASAP would be appreciated. He can't hack it under the big lights, but he's paid like he can. Just like the rest of them.

As for the Bears, big trip to Denver. We'll see how Jay Cutler does, but I know this—he'll be better than Kyle Orton.

Bears. It's all that matters.

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How can Milton Bradley tune out critical Cubs fans?



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He just needs a cheering aid. Sadly for Milton, it's not a democracy, it's a cheerocracy.



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By tuning himself out of town.



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By agreeing to go back to selling kids toys.

Why is A.J. Pierzynski one of the most hated players in baseball?

He, and he alone, was responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks

Like Chuck Norris, A.J. hits home runs by roundhouse kicking the balls. Opponents hate that.

I hear he stole candy from a baby. Oh wait, no. that was Jimmy.

Just look at him. He's got 'tude oozing from him that makes you want to smack him. I love it.

I can't stand watching

out of the long-awaited cage match with Ozzie Guillen.

Because he keeps backing

The Fire and Cubs play in town Saturday. What's the more appealing game to attend?

I just went blind.

Good Lord, it's the Fire. I think

No contest until the Cubs are on Fire. Or all of them are Fired. Fire. Fire.

The Fire, obviously. Have you never seen a soccer player shirtless?

with the Fire. Underpaid winners.

overpaid losers, so I'm going

The Cubs. It's funnier when someone gets hit with a baseball (see "Super Troopers").

Who is the Bears' best pass-

The guy whose name I can't pronounce. Greg Olsen.

Greg Olsen? Though if he focused on his tight end duties, I'd probably watch him more.

I think best is a strong word ...

So far, it looks like Devin. Not Hester, but Aromashodu.

Greg Olsen. His background in rap gave him great rhythm.

Where would you take IndyCar driver Danica Patrick while she's in town for Saturday's race at Chicagoland?

For a lap dance, of course.

That Guy's house. He could show her his tramp stamp collection.

Far, far away from Joliet.

The Dan Ryan at rush hour. Now there's a real race.

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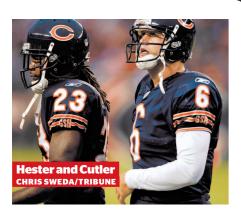
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#### **Hester: Keep running**

While Jay Cutler took responsibility for putting him in a bad position, Devin Hester shouldered blame for the two missing on a first-quarter deep ball in Saturday night's 17-3 exhibition victory over the Giants.

Cutler launched a missile on the run that sailed over Hester's head. Hester, who admitted not being used to such arm strength, was asked what he learned from the play.

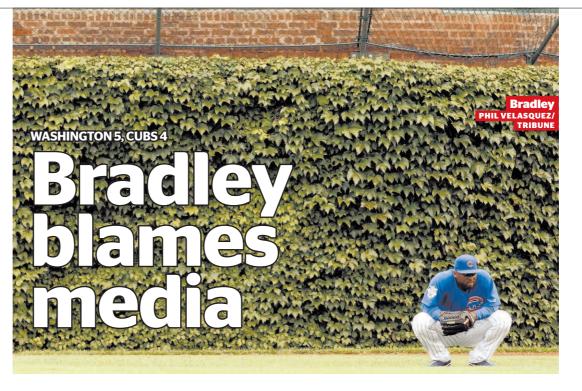
"Keep running just as fast as you can ... no matter what," he said.

#### Kane pleads guilty

Blackhawks star Patrick Kane pleaded guilty Thursday to disorderly conduct in a case involving an assault on a Buffalo cabdriver earlier this month, said a prosecutor for the Erie County district attorney's office.

"Right now all I'm going to say is I'm happy to move forward," Kane said in a text message to the Tribune.

In the plea deal, Kane agreed to be freed on a conditional discharge and also must issue a written apology to cabdriver Jan Radecki.



When Milton Bradley grounded out with the tying run on second in the ninth inning of Thursday's 5-4 loss to the Nationals, the game ended.

But the real story was just beginning.

The Bradley saga took another turn when the Cubs outfielder claimed the media "twisted" his comments Tuesday and Wednesday about being the victim of racial abuse from fans in Wrigley Field. It all started when Bradley was asked if he was "misunderstood."

"When the perception is out there about what kind of guy you're alleged to be, nobody gets to see when you're in here with 25 guys," he said. "Nobody wants to go talk with guys I played with and get the real story, so a bunch of people come in here for a couple of hours a day and want to ask you controver-

sial questions, knowing you're going to give them a legit answer, and twist everything around and make it a story."

Bradley made headlines Wednesday when he was asked if the "hatred" he says he believes is directed toward him is racially tinged. He responded that "America doesn't believe in racism," and said he prays the game is only nine innings "so I can be out there the least amount of time as possible and go home."

Cubs security said there has been no known incident of racial taunting of Bradley, and Bradley declined to give specifics.

So what did the media "twist"?

"Well, you know, there's not really any need to get into it because you can't win in this situation," he replied.

#### Harden, Heilman gone?

National League clubs have claimed Rich Harden and Aaron Heilman on waivers, team sources confirmed Thursday, and the club has until Monday either to pull them back, let the claims stand or work out a deal. General Manager Jim Hendry declined to comment on the news.



The Fire put an end to a drawn-out transfer saga, announcing Wednesday that 23-yearold defender Bakary Soumare (left) had been sent to Boulogne of the French Lique 1.

#### » White Sox 9, Boston 5

After throwing about 30 pitches at about 50 percent, Jake Peavy will make at least one more rehab start Saturday for Triple-A Charlotte with the hope he can start for the White Sox next week.

» Sky vs. New York 7:30 p.m. Friday

write an apology to the cabbie who claimed he was beaten by the Blackhawks star. When do the Cubs and Sox write their fans an apology?

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#### **MLB**

#### White Sox at **N.Y. Yankees**

6:05 p.m. CSN

The road trip from hell continues for the Sox. Mostly because of all the stops to use the restroom.

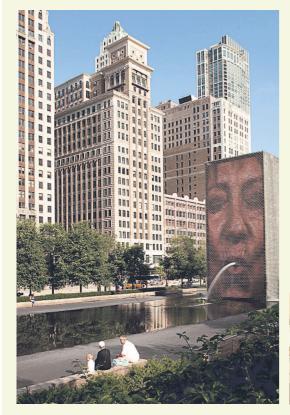
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# Hop the late train

11 new spots By Carrie Boyd where the kitchen's open till midnightand beyond

When you're jonesing for a late-night bite, no three words set a stomach rumbling louder than, "Sorry, kitchen's closed." So we're pleased to see so many spots opening with hours that take off-peak cravings—and erratic schedules-into account. Whether you're looking for small plates or a full-fledged meal, these new restaurants are keeping the light on for you.



#### ORANGE

730 W. Grand Ave. 312-942-0300 The newest outpost of this popular brunch spot, which opened in West Town about a month ago, also is the only one with a late-night menu. Options on the after-hours menu, available to night owls until 4 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, include quesadillas with avocado and bacon and traditional sandwiches given Orange's signature playful twists.

The late-night crowd: Scenesters needing sustenance after drinks and dancing at nearby nightspots Butterfly Social Club, Funky Buddha Lounge and Rednofive.

Pull an all-nighter with: Motown chicken and waffles (\$9.95), fried halfchicken atop crispy waffles, finished with a sweet maple-pecan glaze.

#### RED CANARY

695 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-846-1475 Chef Rick Spiros remedies late-night cravings at West Town's newest nightspot

with a special menu showcasing five of Red Canary's most popular dinner items. The menu's available only 10 p.m.midnight during the week; order from the dinner menu until 11 p.m. weekends.

The late-night crowd: Young professionals from River North and West Town seeking classic drinks, friendly service and haute bar snacks.

Pull an all-nighter with: The open-faced New England lobster roll (\$16) with bacon and avocado spread. Other late-night bites are cheaper, but trust us-this one's worth a splurge.

#### **EIVISSA**

1531 N. Wells St. 312-654-9500 Recently extended hours keep this 3-month-old tapas spot in Old Town open until midnight on Friday and Saturday. If you've already been, now's a good time to give it another try: As of the beginning of the month, about 40 percent of the menu has been refreshed with new Basque and Spanish treasures.

The late-night crowd: Club-goers getting a late start on the night wanting a sophisticated late-night dinner.

Pull an all-nighter with: Jamon serrano (\$6.95) and an artisan cheese plate (choice of three cheeses for \$10.95)-and don't forget the sangria.

#### 33 CLUB

1419 N. Wells St. 312-664-1419 Approachable service offsets the sexy, casual elegance at restaurateur Jerry Kleiner's newest venture, where chef Daniel Kelly is in the kitchen. The monthold Old Town restaurant serves a bar menu of signature American faresandwiches, fish and chips, and crab cakes-until midnight Friday-Saturday. The late-night crowd: Everyone from twentysomethings to fiftysomethings looking to be seen while on the hunt for wine, martinis and tail.

Pull an all-nighter with: The bacon cheeseburger (\$12), a bar-menu exclusive topped with a fried egg and served with your choice of side.

#### LITTLE BUCHAREST BISTRO

3661 N. Elston Ave. 773-929-8640/773-604-8500

Owner Branko Podrumedic is rolling out a late-night menu at his recently reconcepted Irving Park spot on Tuesday. Offered until 2 a.m. Sunday-Friday and 3 a.m. Saturday, the late-night menu's similar to the dinner lineup-but with slimmer price tags. After 10 p.m. prices on contemporary small plates with Romanian flair are knocked down by up to half. (Note: The restaurant's closed Saturday-Sunday this week for Chicago's Taste of Romania, a long-running festival Podrumedic founded.)

The late-night crowd: Neighborhood folks and couples getting a late start on dinner or looking for a classy, low-key night out.

Pull an all-nighter with: House-made crab dip (\$9) or saganaki (\$5 on latenight menu).

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#### More new late-night bites

»» Ciao! Cafe & Wine Lounge (939 W. Madison). The recently reconcepted Cafe Ciao! is now a wine bar and Italian small-plates spot, serving until midnight Monday-Thursday and 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday.

»» Sarks in the Park (444 W. Fullerton Pkwy.). Open since July, this Lincoln Park spinoff of Evanston's Sarkis Cafe serves until 3 a.m. Friday and 4 a.m. Saturday.

»» Falafill (3202 N. Broadway). This justopened Boystown quick-serve specializing in customizable falafel sammies stays open till 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday.

»» Chicago's Dog House (816 W. Fullerton Ave.). The DePaul area's 3-month-old gourmet sausage stop extends hours until 3 a.m. Friday-Saturday starting Sept. 1.

»» The Dog Joint (350 W. Armitage Ave.). This month-old Lincoln Park spot serves dogs until 4 a.m. Friday-Saturday.

»» Salute (46 E. Superior St.). The 4-month-old River North wine bar serves small plates until midnight daily.

# best bets

**By Rebecca Palmore** kpalmore@tribune.com

#### 161st birthday

Chief O'Neill's, 3471 N. Elston Ave. 773-473-5263.

Raise a glass of bubbly to Francis O'Neill (born Aug. 28, 1848), the former Chicago police chiefand the bar's current namesake-with \$4 Guinness pints and Jameson shots, live Irish music and birthday cake. 8 p.m. No cover.

#### **Silent Summer Film Festival**

Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave. The silent fest draws to a noisy close with pre-show jazz (7 p.m.) and live organ accompaniment to a screening of Frank Borzage's 1927 romance, "7th Heaven" 8 p.m. \$9-\$12.773-205-7372.

#### Fleet Feet Sports SuperSprint Triathlon

Foster Avenue Beach, 5200 N. Lake Shore Drive. A scaled-back version of Sunday's Chicago Triathlon includes a relatively manageable 375-meter lake swim, a 10K bike ride and 2.5K run, 7:30 a.m.: on-site registration opens 6 a.m. \$55. 773-404-2372 ext. 1.

#### **Cougar/Prey Party**

The Shire Public House, 3328 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-935-6391. Fellas looking for a "May-October" fling can mingle with ladies over 35 who'll score half-price drinks. Includes live music from the Wheat Grass Trio. 9 p.m. No cover.



#### **Chicago Triathlon**

Watch thousands of pros and amateurs work their way through the world's largest triathlon. Race starts at 6 a.m. at Balbo Drive and the lakefront; head to the post-race party

(8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.) near the finish line at Balbo and Columbus Drives for food and beer vendors, and live music by Underwater People.

#### **FESTIVALS!**

Find info on this weekend's fests, including Bucktown Arts Fest, Randolph Street Market, Taste of Greece and more on Page 28 and at metromix.com.



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\$25 three-hour drink package, halfprice fish tacos: 1856 W. North Ave. 773-772-5500.

#### **Clybar and Grille**

6 p.m.: Frisky Fridays. \$20 food-anddrink package includes Bud Light drafts, well drinks, house wine, soda and buffet. DJ Ricky Bradshaw spins.; 2417 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-388-1877.

#### Crossroads **Public House**

6:30 p.m.: \$20 food-and-drink package includes pizza, pasta, dips, tater tots, veggies, mini-corn dogs and more, plus PBR cans, Miller Lite and CPH drafts and well cocktails. Other specials include \$2.50 beer of the month, \$4 lemon drops, \$5 Jager bombs and Stoli blueberry bombs; 2630 N. Clark St. 773-248-3900.



6:30 p.m.: \$25 appetizer-and-drinks package, \$5 Skyy Citrus cocktails, DJ Big Daddy spins 10 p.m.: 1635 N. Milwaukee Ave.

#### FRIDAY DEALS

#### **AVENUE TAVERN**

\$2 PBR drafts, \$3 SoCo Limes, \$5 16-ounce **Bud Light bottles, \$7** frozen margaritas; 2916 N. Broadway. 773-975-

#### **BAD DOG TAVERN**

\$15 pitchers of vodka lemonades, sangria and margaritas; 4535 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-334-4040.

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\$5 select cocktails, \$15 Bud buckets; 3937 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-528-3700.

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\$4 Carlsberg drafts, \$5 Boru Irish vodka cocktails; 3471 N. Elston Ave. 773-473-5263.

#### **CREW**

\$2 PBR cans, \$3.50 Goose Island Honker's Ale pints, half-price appetizers (4-6 p.m.); 4804 N. Broadway. 773-784-2739.

#### **DEBONAIR SOCIAL CLUB**

\$5 Absolut cocktails: 1575 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-7990.

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\$8 soup-and-sandwich lunch (11 a.m.-2 p.m.), \$4 beer of the month, \$10 fish and chips; 712 N. Clark St. 312-642-2900.

#### **GASLIGHT BAR AND GRILLE**

\$3 SoCo Lime shots, \$5 Sofia champagne cans, summer cocktail sampling (10-11 p.m.); 2426 N. Racine Ave. 773-929-7759.

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\$5 Skyy cocktails, \$10 **Bud Light and Miller Lite** pitchers; 3441 N. Halsted St. 773-348-9696.

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\$5 Cazadores margaritas; 1824 W. Division St. 773-862-8686.

#### **MYSTIC CELT**

\$4 Amstel Light bottles. \$5 raspberry vodka and lemonades, \$5 bombs and shots, \$8.95 fish and chips; 3443 N. Southport Ave. 773-529-8550

#### THE OTHER SIDE BAR

\$4 Jager bombs, \$4 Blue Moon drafts, \$15 Jager shotskis; 2436 N. Clark St. 773-525-8238.

#### PATSY'S PLACE

\$8.95 all-vou-can-eat fish fry, \$3.50 Hoegaarden drafts; 2825 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-248-2825.

#### THE RAIL BAR & GRILL

\$3 Harp, Smithwick's and Beamish pints, \$3.50 Jager shots, \$6.75 all-you-can-eat fish and fries; 4709 N. Damen Ave. 773-878-9400.

#### **ROCK BOTTOM**

\$3 Construction Ale pints, \$5 appetizers (3-6 p.m.); 1 W. Grand Ave. 312-755-9339.

#### **SPIN**

\$4 Magic Hat #9 drafts. \$5 Absolut cocktails. No cover; 800 W. Belmont Ave. 773-327-7711.

#### STREET SIDE CAFE

\$4.50 Peak Organic Pomegranate Wheat drafts: 3201 W. Armitage Ave. 773-252-9700.

#### **SULLY'S HOUSE TAP ROOM AND GRILL**

Half-price appetizers (5-7 p.m.), \$5 Three Olives berry lemonade: 1501 N. Dayton St. 312-929-2779.

#### **TOONS**

\$4 po' boy sandwiches (11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.), \$4 microbrew pints; 3857 N. Southport Ave. 773-935-1919.

#### **VAUGHAN'S PUB**

\$4 Captain Morgan and Cokes, complimentary subs and pizza (5-7 p.m.); 2917 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-8188.

#### **WABASH TAP**

\$15 domestic buckets; 1233 S. Wabash Ave. 312-360-9488

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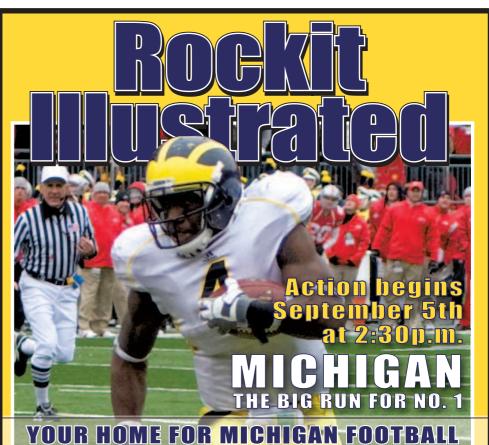
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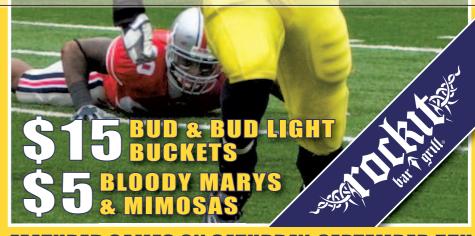
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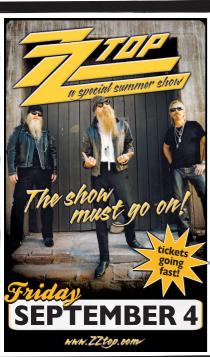
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6:30 p.m. Sat. \$29.75-\$125.75. First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park. 877-598-8703.

#### FRIDAY CONCERTS

#### A. SPENCER **BAREFIELD**

9:30 p.m. Cover varies. The Velvet Lounge, 67 E. Cermak Rd. 312-791-9050

#### **BABASONICOS**

8 p.m. \$15. Congress Theatre, 2135 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-276-1235.

#### **BANG! BANG!,** M.O.T.O., BIRD TALK

10 p.m. \$8. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

#### **BIG SANDY AND** HIS FLY-RITE BOYS, **EILEN JEWELL**

9:30 p.m. \$15. FitzGerald's, 6615 Roosevelt Rd., Berwyn. 708-788-2118.

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Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. housecallent.com

#### THE FORECAST, **DAMIERA, HOLD EVERYTHING, THE AMERICAN AUTUMN**

5 p.m. \$10. Reggie's Rock Club. 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

#### **IRA SULLIVAN**

8 and 10 p.m. Cover varies. Jazz Showcase. 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

#### J. DAVIS TRIO, AUTOMATA. **LOW DOWN BRASS BAND, SPINACH** PRINCE

9 p.m. \$10. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

#### JAMMIN' AT THE ZOO: **FIVE FOR FIGHTING, ANGEL TAYLOR**

7:15 p.m. \$23-\$28. Lincoln Park Zoo, 2200 N. Cannon Drive. 312-742-2283.

#### **JOE FILISKO** AND ERIC NODEN

10 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. Uncommon Ground on Devon, 1401 W. Devon Ave. 773-465-9801

#### LITTLE FEAT

7:30 and 10 p.m. \$36-\$40. Old Town School of Folk Music. 4544 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-728-6000.

#### LUBRIPHONIC. **BUMPUS**

9 p.m. \$8. Cubby Bear, 1059 W. Addison St. 773-327-1662

#### **LURRIE BELL. SAMMY FENDER**

9 p.m. \$15. Buddy Guy's Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-0333.

#### MAC MCANALLY, **ILO FERREIRA**

10 p.m. \$15.50. House of Blues Back Porch Stage, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

#### **PARIS DELANE'S TYED** DYE SKYE, PARADISE WAITS, MHB

9 p.m. \$8-\$10. Abbey Pub. 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

#### **POOL OF FROGS.** THE SELFISH GENE. **LOVE RAID**

10 p.m. \$8. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

#### **QWEL AND MAKER.** CAP D, MASS HYSTERIA, SCHEME. THE HIGHEST LOW

10 p.m. \$8-\$10. Reggie's Rock Club. 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

#### THE SAFES. THE **BLACKBELTS, THE LEXINGTON ARROWS**

9 p.m. \$5 donation. Ouenchers Saloon, 2401 N. Western Ave. 773-276-

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#### THE TONELLIS 6:30 p.m. \$5. Hideout.

1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

#### **TONY BENNETT**

8 p.m. \$23-\$91. Ravinia Festival, 200-231 Ravinia Park Rd., Highland Park. 847-266-5100.

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8:30 p.m. \$9. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

#### WASTE

9 p.m. \$9. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

#### SATURDAY

#### **AARON WATSON**

10 p.m. \$10-\$12. House of Blues Back Porch Stage, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

#### **BLUE RIBBON GLEE CLUB**, **BRILLIANT PEBBLES.** WIZARD OF CAUSE. DJ ROSS KELLY

10 p.m. \$8. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

#### **EL PAYO, IDILIO**

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#### **IRA SULLIVAN WITH** ERIC SCHNEIDER

8 and 10 p.m. Cover varies. Jazz Showcase. 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

#### JIMMY BUFFETT AND THE CORAL **REEFER BAND**

8 p.m. \$36-\$136. Alpine Valley Music Theatre. 2699 Highway D, East Troy, Wis. 877-598-8703.

#### THE LIFELINE, SNOWSERA. **BUTTERFLY ASSASSINS, FAREWELL**

6 p.m. \$9. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

#### MICHAEL FIRESTONE: A TRIBUTE TO **MICHAEL JACKSON**

7 p.m. \$20. The Venue. 777 Casino Center Drive, Hammond, Ind. 866-711-7463.

#### **MUCCA PAZZA,** D. RIDER. **REDS AND BLUE** 9 p.m. \$12. Bottom

Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775. **PAUL GREEN** 

#### SCHOOL OF ROCK 2 p.m. \$12. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-4444.

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#### SUNDAY

#### **ANDREAS KAPSALIS TRIO**

9 p.m. Free. The Whistler, 2421 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-3530

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7 p.m. \$25-\$95. Ravinia Festival, 200-231 Ravinia Park Rd., Highland Park. 847-266-5100.

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7:30 p.m. \$39.50-\$75. First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre, 19100 Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park. 877-598-8703.

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8 p.m. Tips/donations. Uncommon Ground on Clark, 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

#### **IRA SULLIVAN**

4, 8 and 10 p.m. Cover varies. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

#### **LAURA DOHERTY**

4 p.m. \$6. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

#### MOTORHEAD. **REVEREND HORTON** HEAT, SISTER SIN

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#### **ROMAN CANDLE.** THE RIKTERS. **PHONOGRAPH**

8 p.m. \$8. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

#### STEEL PANTHER

8 p.m. \$18. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

#### **VIVIAN GIRLS.** THE BEETS, **DAYLIGHT ROBBERY**

9 p.m. \$10. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

#### YADDY MARQUIS. THE BURBAN BOYS, YUNG CLEPTO. YUNG WIZ, SHO ILLA,

**ANGEL G, FLAWLESS** 8 p.m. \$7-\$10. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. housecallent.com

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#### On sale 10 a.m. **Friday**

#### Garv Allen.

Wednesday, Oct. 14 (\$33-\$35, 17+) at House of Blues.

Foreigner. Thursday. Oct. 29 (\$47-\$147, 21+) at House of Blues.

Keb' Mo', Friday, Nov. 13 (\$29-\$31, 17+) at House of Blues.

#### Medeski, Martin and Wood, Saturday, Nov. 21 (\$28-\$33, 17+) at House of Blues.

Rakim, Saturday, Oct. 10 (\$23-\$25.50, 21+) at House of Blues.

#### Saving Abel, Red, Pop **Evil, Taddy Porter,**

Saturday, Nov. 7 (\$21-\$23, all ages) at House of Blues.

#### The White Tie Affair. **Every Avenue, Stereo** Skyline, Runner

Runner, Saturday, Nov. 28 (\$13, all ages) at House of Blues.

#### On sale noon **Friday**

An Horse, Cuff the Duke. Monday. Sept. 14 (\$8, 21+) at Schubas.

#### **Choir of Young** Believers, MoMo,

Monday, Oct. 26 (\$8, 21+) at Schubas.

#### **Dead Man's Bones** (featuring Ryan Gosling), Wednesday, Oct. 21 (\$15, early show:

all ages; late show: 21+)

at Schubas. Gringo Star, Thursday, Oct. 29 (\$8-\$10, 21+) at

Schubas.

Rademacher, Monday. Sept. 28 (\$6, 21+) at Schubas.

#### The Spinto Band, Generationals.

Wednesday, Nov. 4 (\$12, 18+) at Schubas.

#### On sale 10 a.m. **Saturday**

Gov't Mule, Jackie Greene, Saturday, Oct. 24 (\$27-\$30, 18+) at Riviera Theatre.

Mika, Tuesday, Oct. 20 (\$29.50, all ages) at Riviera Theatre.

Railroad Earth, Friday, Oct. 30 (\$21-\$23, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

The Sounds, Foxy Shazam, Saturday, Nov. 7 (\$19-\$21, all ages) at Vic Theatre.



#### The Used, The Almost, Drive A. Thursday, Oct. 15 (\$25,

all ages) at Riviera Theatre.

#### On sale noon **Saturday**

#### **Action Action, Bamboo Shoots, The** Fold, Suicide City, Wednesday, Sept. 16 (\$8,

21+) at Double Door. **Bouncing Souls,** Bayside, Broadway Calls, Friday, Nov. 6

(\$20, all ages) at Metro.

Inspector Owl, Geronimo!. Sunday. Oct. 18 (\$5, 21+) at Double Door.

#### Rain Machine,

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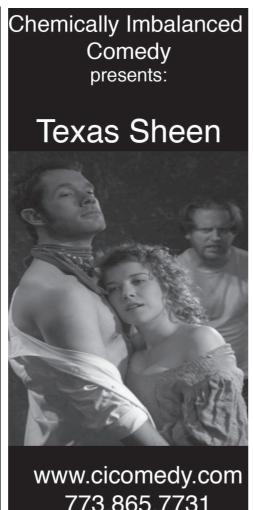
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reportedly planning to move to Chicago next month.

And Swiderski is just one of many Chicagoans who have stolen their 15 minutes of reality TV show fame. Windy City natives have been featured on so many shows it's easy to lose count, from "The Bachelorette" to the Style network's new show "Giuliana & Bill," which features NBC "Apprentice" winner and Chicagoan Bill Rancic and his wife, E! News anchor Giuliana DePandi. Chicago contestants also have a good track record of winning shows such as Bravo's "Top Chef" and The CW's "America's Next Top Model." So how do Chicagoans get plucked from obscurity and thrust into reality TV superstardom? Casting directors and producers as well as Chicago's reality TV alums tell RedEve that Chicago's "it" factor boils down to a Midwestern charm, an honest yet competitive attitude and a diverse talent pool.

The city itself has become a major stop on the reality show casting circuit, including an open call Saturday for "America's Next Top Model." (See sidebar for more info.)

"We love the city and we love the people," said Michelle Mock, a "Top Model" casting director. "People from that city have this certain vibe and flavor and personality. It's amazing."

Sounds about right to us. Here's a closer look at what makes Chicagoans so damn irresistible to reality TV bigwigs, LVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM

#### We keep it real

Beverly Pomerantz, a casting director who has visited Chicago to cast Fox's "Don't Forget the Lyrics" and now casts for the Game Show Network's "Catch 21," says there's something special about Chicagoans.

"They're just real people. When you meet them, they're not star-struck or trying to be in the movie industry," she said.

Chicagoans also are known to be straight shooters. "There's sort of no b.s. when you're talking to people in Chicago," said Michelle McNulty, casting director for "The Sing-Off," a new NBC a cappella singing competition.

Joey Kovar of MTV's "Real World: Hollywood" and upcoming third season of VHr's "Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew' believes his honesty about using drugs and partying combined with his personality were reasons why he got picked to be on the popular MTV show.

"We kind of have an 'I don't give a [bleep]' attitude. What you see is what you get," Kovar, now 26 and living in Bridgeview, said. "People want edgy. People want attitude. People want in-your-face, and that's what Chicagoans bring," he said. "The attitude we have is what's going to draw the ratings."

Chicagoans aren't afraid to be themselves, said Nicole D'Ambrosio, who was a contestant on the sixth season of "The Apprentice" (and also the sister of Citizen Bar's Jimmy D'Ambrosio). When producer Mark Burnett told her at her interview she had an accent, she said she told Burnett he was the one with the accent, not her. "We tell you how it is," said D'Ambrosio, 28. "We're not being rude. We're not being jerks."

#### We're tough

Chicagoans thrive on competition and go after what they want, even if it's a spot on reality TV.

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"We learn to drive in Chicago, competing to get the parking spaces and make it to the front of the pack so we can make the light before it turns red," Britt "McKey" Sullivan, 20, winner of cycle 11 of "America's Next Top Model," wrote in an e-mail. "Also, we learn that if we are going to get anywhere in life we must differentiate ourselves from the others who are like us, otherwise we will not be noticed."

Chicagoans can be competitive, but they don't throw anyone under the bus, said Season 4 "Top Chef" winner Stephanie Izard, 32, who lives in Bucktown. For example, viewers didn't see her bad-mouthing other chefs. "I don't generally talk crap about people on a day-to-day basis," she said. And she didn't talk crap on the show either.

Also, Chicagoans don't have much of a cutthroat

attitude, said Izard, who's opening her restaurant in 2010 in the West Loop: "We're nice, cool, laid-back people."

#### We'll charm the pants off you

Not only does Chicago's geography factor into its appeal attracting people from the entire region to casting calls, but the city's Midwestern values also are alluring

Part of the Midwest mentality is about being open to trying new things whereas people in New York or L.A. may be more jaded about reality TV, said Greg Fieser, casting producer for NBC's "The Marriage Ref," a show by Jerry Seinfeld about couples who want their quirky tiffs settled. "You're not as inundated with it and therefore it's newer and fresher and you're more

open to it," he said.

And Chicagoans are so well-rounded that they appeal to the rest of the country, Nicole D'Ambrosio said. Chicagoans, she said, can relate to New York's tough mentality to get things done, the South's interest in strong family values, and the West Coast's easygoing attitude.

"Chicagoans have the perfect mix of sophistication and all-American values. We're Midwesterners, and Midwesterners still make the vast majority of the country comfortable," said Michael Niederman, chairman of the TV department at Columbia College Chicago.

"Ideally, they want people both savvy and acceptable to a wide swath of the American audience, and Chicagoans fit that bill."

#### **CASTING CALL**

Think you've got what it takes to be on TV? Find out by auditioning in Chicago for:

- "America's Next Top Model" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, 2233 S. King Drive. Females ages 18 to 27 who are at least 5-foot-7 and of diverse backgrounds, shapes and sizes are wanted for cycle 14. Info: cwtv.com.
- » "The Sing-Off" on Sept. 14 at 2744 W. Superior St. Line starts at 8 a.m. and doors open at 9 a.m. The new a cappella singing competition has an Epic Records/Sony recording contract at stake. Info: nbc.com/ casting.
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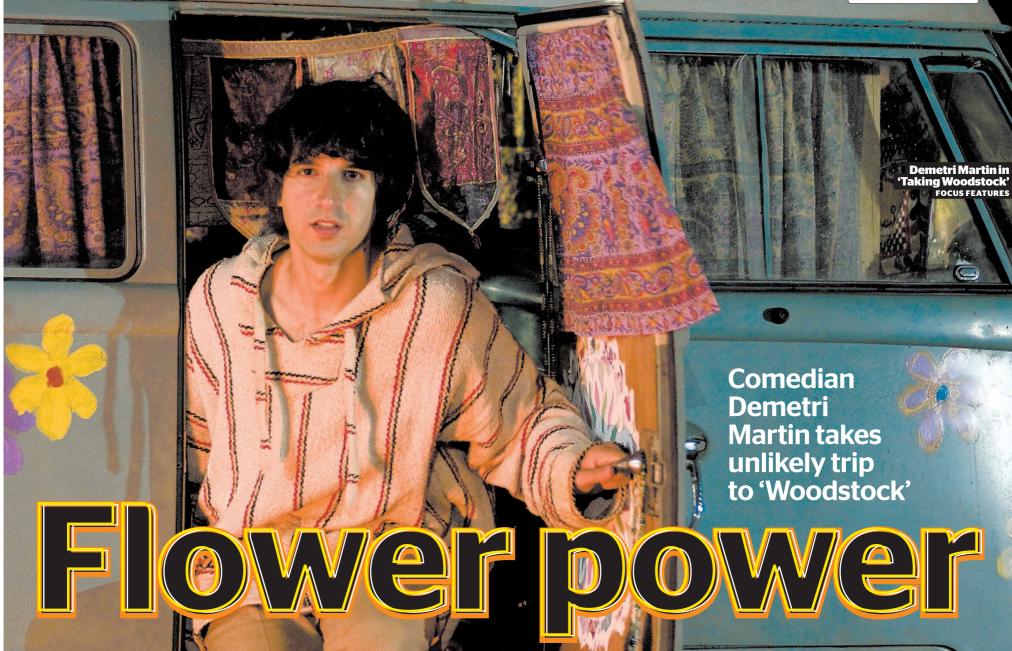
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#### **The Hartford Courant**

Sometimes it takes serious pain to get into the funny business.

That's something familiar to Demetri Martin, the star of Ang Lee's "Taking Woodstock," which opens Friday, and better known as a stand-up comic and overlord of "Important Things with Demetri Martin" on Comedy Central. The second season will air early next year.

By most measures, Martin was a serial dogooder at Yale (Class of '95). He served on the Yale College Council, ran a soup kitchen and started a youth group with a Greek Orthodox church. He was on track to become a lawyer, a goal he formed as far back as the 7th grade.

"I thought I had it pretty well figured out," he says.

But when his father died in his junior year at age 46 of kidney cancer, Martin began to unconsciously reconsider his path.

"Seeing your dad die so young is a very dramatic reminder of how short life is," he says.

#### **Taking Woodstock** (R)

Who's in it: Demetri Martin,
Liev Schreiber, Emile Hirsch,
Imelda Staunton, Eugene Levy
What it's about: Newly out gay artist
Elliot (Martin) talks his neighbor into
renting out his dairy farm to the
Woodstock concert promoters.

Worth watching?

"This is the way we should remember Woodstock—a sea of people, a river of mud, a mountain of garbage and a whole lotta love." ROGER MOORE, ORLANDO SENTINEL

"You get to this point where you're making a bigger life decision. It puts it in a weird perspective. What am I doing here? I'm gonna die just like everyone else, so how can I improve the quality of my experience now? What activities do I like doing? When you lose a parent at a young age, you can't help but feel that that's

part of your destiny."

His destiny also included stints writing for Conan O'Brien and Jon Stewart as he built his identity with oddball one-liners, sketchingenhanced punch lines and musical numbers. Signs that perhaps he would not be an Ivy League-groomed barrister crept up during his four years in New Haven.

Before Martin, now 36 and living in New York City, ascended to making strangers bust a gut as a profession, he had to break his mother's heart by announcing that he was quitting NYU Law School a year short of graduation.

Only recently did Martin feel closure on the matter. As he tells it, he glided through midtown traffic in a cab with his mother one day, and she said, "Could you imagine being a lawyer?"

Martin finds himself carrying nearly every frame of "Taking Woodstock," the dramatized memoir adaptation of an aspiring painter named Elliot who in his own little way helped bring about history's most influential rock concert.

Talk about your wacky trips, man. Martin's film experience was limited to one-day walk-ons. His break came about when the daughter of screen-writer and producer James Schamus showed her dad a clip of Martin on YouTube. Schamus, a longtime Ang Lee collaborator, invited Martin for a meeting and then an audition.

"I started hearing his voice," Schamus said. "I started writing for Demetri."

Despite zero thespian training and infinite misgivings, Martin hitched along for the ride.

"These guys have a lot of experience, so they must see something in my demeanor that they could work with," he says. "Very rarely in life as a grown-up do you get to do a kind of new professional task, a whole new set of moves. It's a rare opportunity."

Again faced with the unexpected, Martin killed, as they say in comedy.

Co-star Liev Schreiber said, "I think Demetri's a neurotic person, and I think that worked for him."

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# **Guitar heroes**

On Jan. 23, 2008, Led Zeppelin's Jimmy Page, U2's The Edge and Jack White (of the White Stripes, the Raconteurs and the Dead Weather) gathered to discuss the electric guitar and play parts of each other's songs. In between footage of this summit, director Davis Guggenheim ("An Inconvenient Truth") splices footage of the guys charting the development of their iconic sounds and reflecting on their upbringing.

The buzz: There's no doubt that the guitar has a voice and a personality, well-demonstrated by Page (whose axe drawls and stretches), the Edge (exercises and tinkers) and White (screams and howls). Does that fact deserve its own documentary?

**The verdict:** More of a toast to inspiration than a barometer of where guitar rock is now, "It Might Get Loud" delivers plenty of indelible moments for music lovers, from the Edge listening to an old demo for "Where the Streets Have No Name" to Page, in archival footage, appearing on TV and declaring he plans to go into biological research. What the movie does, though, is tap into the simultaneously deliberate and accidental occurrence of creativity and success, and a song's path from the brain to the fingers to the ears to the stadium.





Play the Game (PG-13) Ladies' man David (Paul Campbell) meets his match in Julie (Marla Sokoloff), who doesn't fall for his tricks. While David tries not to make an ass out of himself in front of the first girl he's ever actually cared about, he

also counsels his grandpa Joe (Andy Griffith) on how to score chicks. The buzz: No one expects Andy Griffith

to star in a movie that's savvy about modern

dating. All we ask is for Chicago native Marc Fienberg to keep the senior-citizen-relatedsex-jokes-are-so-funny humor under control.

The verdict: Heavily, heavily inspired by "Hitch," "Play the Game" replaces Will Smith's charm with rigid performances and painful scenes of Joe trying to talk like his grandson. Not a moment rings true. MATT PAIS IS THE METROMIX MOVIES PRODUCER.

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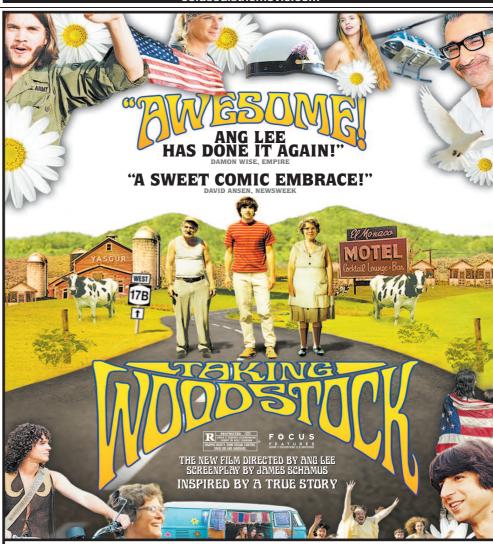
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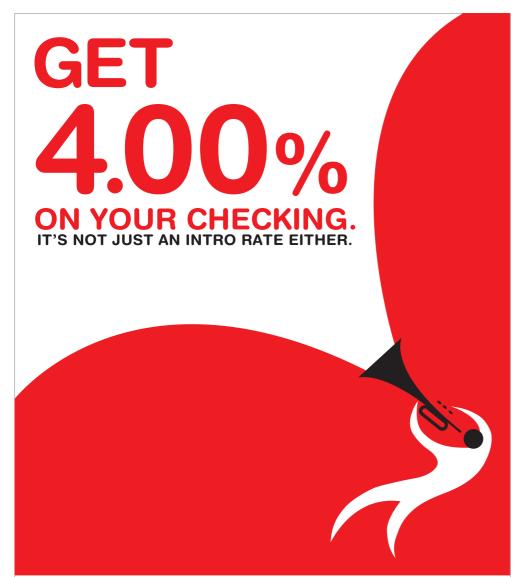
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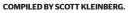






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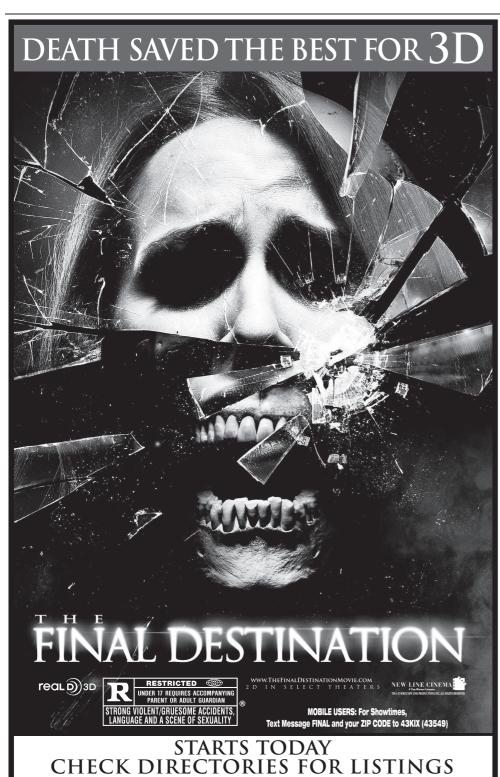
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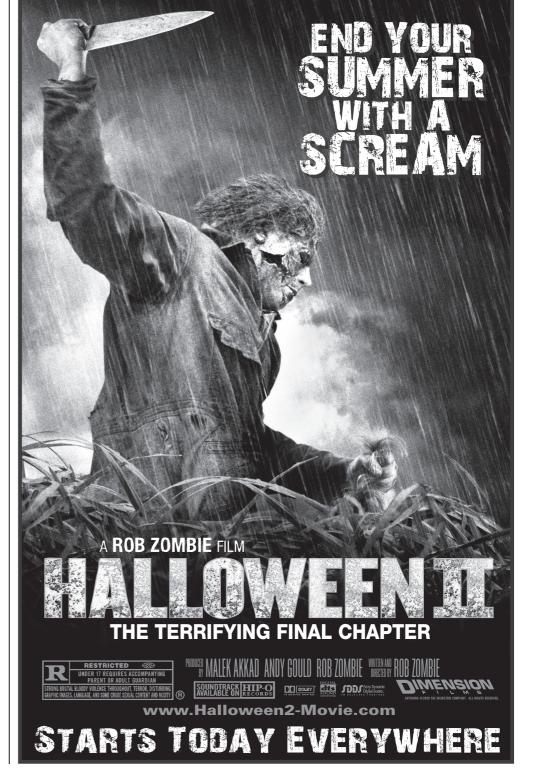
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**@Machrider** District 9: the best action/adventure/docudrama/satire/horror/sci-fi/romance/comedy of 2009.

**@givemetexture** "District 9" is sci-fi art. If there is a sequel, I'll watch.

@jennadalgety #District9: refreshing play on aliens landing. The breaks from docutelling were jarring, and I enjoyed the frugality of the original short.





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#### Halloween II (R)

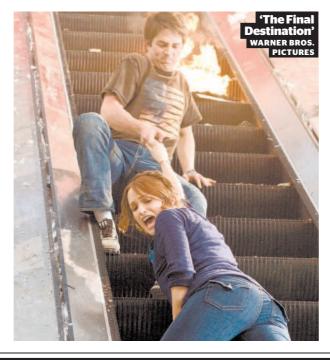
What is it? Mental patient/boogeyman Michael Myers is back, cutting up teens and tracking down his little sister. It's a remake of the 1981 seguel to John Carpenter's 1978 horror hit "Halloween."

Why didn't Dimension Films show it to the press? "We are not screening the film for critics or promotionally," the studio said in a statement. "Not unlike some other blockbusters this summer, we are holding the suspense for opening." Ooooh, can't you feel the suspense building?

Why we'd see it: Musician-turned-filmmaker Rob Zombie has real talent (see his "Halloween" remake and, even better, "The Devil's Rejects"). Why we wouldn't: We're burned out on the franchise. Aren't nine "Halloween" movies enough? robert w. butler, the kansas city star

## No critics allowed

The studios behind two movies opening this weekend, "The Final Destination" (do you believe that?) and "Halloween II," did not screen the films for critics. Here's what you can expect from each.



#### The Final Destination (R)

What is it? Fourth and reportedly last entry in this horror series about young people confronted with visions of their impending deaths. They try to escape their fates, but death always catches up.

Why didn't Warner Bros. show it to the press? The last time a "Final Destination" film screened for critics was back in 2000 with the original. Why we'd see it: The action

sequences-these teens die in some of the most outlandish "accidents" imaginable-are off the charts ... and they ought to be cool in 3-D. We also appreciate the series' sick sense of humor.

Why we wouldn't: They're all the same movie with interchangeable (not to mention disposable) cast members.

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600 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 888-AMC-4FUN Show times change daily  ${\mbox{\cluster}}$ 

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■ Halloween II (B) 11:00.1:45.4:30.7:15.10:00

■ Halloween II (R) 11:00,1:45,4:30,7:15,10:00
■ Inglourious (R) 11:50,3:30,7:00,10:30
■ Final Destinatn (R) 10:50,1:20,3:45,6:00,8:20,10:40
■ Post Grad (PG-13) 11:40,2:30,5:15,7:40,10:10
■ District 9 (R) 11:10,2:00,5:00,8:00,11:00
■ G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 1:00,4:15,7:30,10:20
■ Julia (PG-13) 10:45,1:40,4:45,7:50,10:45
■ The Ugly Truth (R) 3:15,9:45
■ Harry Potter (PG) 11:30,6:15
■ The Hargone (P) 11:30,6:15

■ The Hangover (R) 12:15,2:50,5:30,8:10,10:50

#### LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK) 2828 North Clark St., Chicago

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Taking Woods. (R) 1:30,4:25,7:20,10:15

■ It Might (PG) 1:35,4:10,7:00,9:50 ■ The Hurt Locker (R) 1:55,4:45,7:40,10:30 ■ Cold Souls (PG–13) 1:50,4:30,7:20,10:10

■ 500 Days-Sum (PG-13) 1:45,4:15,7:30,10:20 ■ Paper Heart (PG-13) 2:00,4:50,7:45,10:00 ■ In the Loop (NR) 1:40,4:20,7:15,10:05

#### **CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)**

2600 N. Western Ave. (800) 326-3264 #1642

(800) 320°3204 # 1042

Final Destinatn (R) ★ 11:10.1:30.3:50.6:05,8:15.10:30

Halloween II (R) ★ 11:00,12:40,1:40,3:30,4:15,6:20,7:00,9:15,9:40

Final Destinatn (R) ★ 1:00,3:20,5:30,7:40,10:00

Inglourious (R) ★ 11:45,12:20,3:00,3:40,6:40,7:10,9:55,10:40

Post Grad (PG-13) ★ 9:50 P.M.

Shorts (PG) ★ 10:10,12:30,2:50,5:10,7:45

District 9 (R) 1:20,4:30,7:20,10:15

District 9 (R) 1:20,4:30,7:20,10:15

District 9 (R) (Closed caption) 11:30,2:20,5:20,8:00,10:45

Popula (G) 9:50 12:10,230,4:40,7:45

■ Ponyo (G) 9:50,12:10,2:30,4:40,7:45 ■ Goods: Live (R) 10:10 P.M. ■ Time Traveler (PG-13) 11:20,2:00,4:50,7:50,10:20

G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 10:20,1:10,4:00,6:45,9:30
 G-Force 3D (PG) 10:00,12:15,2:40,5:00,7:15,9:45
 Harry Potter (PG) 9:45 A.M.

■ The Hangover (R) 10:15,12:50,3:15,5:40,8:20,10:50

#### **DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)**

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago (773) 784-0893

■ Inglourious (R) ★ 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00 ■ District 9 (R) 12:30,2:45,5:00,7:40,10:00

■ Time Traveler (PG-13) 12:50.3:00.5:10.7:20.9:30

■ 500 Days-Sum (PG-13) 1:00,3:10,5:20,7:30,9:45

#### FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

S. Cicero at 76th, Chicago 888-AMC-4FUN Show times change daily

#### AMC Select - The best specialty films

■ Halloween II (R) 11:00,12:15,1:30,2:45,4:15,5:30,7:00,8:15,9:30,11:00,12:00

■ Inglourious (R) 10:30.1:40.4:45.8:00.11:20

■ Final Destinatn (R) 10:30,11:45,12:45,1:50,2:50,4:00,5:00,6:15, 7:15,8:30,9:20,10:45,11:45

■ Post Grad (PG-13) 12:50,5:20,9:40

■ Shorts (PG) 11:10,1:20,3:30,5:40,7:50,10:00 ■ District 9 (R) 11:15,12:30,1:45,3:10,4:30,5:45,7:10,8:15,9:45,10:50

■ Goods: Live (R) 10:40,3:00,7:30,12:00 ■ G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 11:30,1:00,2:15,3:45,5:10,6:30,7:45,

■ Aliens-Attic (PG) 10:50,1:00,3:15,5:30

■ The Collector (R) 7:40.9:50.11:55

■ **G-Force** (PG) 10:45,1:10,3:20,5:25,7:35,9:40,11:40 ■ **Orphan** (R) 11:00,1:50,4:40,7:20,10:10

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■ Combat dns île (NR) 6:00.8:00 Slaying Goliath (NR) 6:15 P.M.

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#### **LOGAN THEATRE**

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago (773) 252-0628

Bandslam (PG) 2:10.4:10.6:15.8:20

■ G-Force (PG) 2:00,4:10,6:20,8:30 ■ Public Enemies (R) 2:05.5:30.8:10

■ Up (PG) 2:05.4:20.6:30.8:40

#### **MUSIC BOX**

3733 N. Southport, Chicago (773) 871-6604

Youssou N'Dour (PG) 5:00,7:20,9:40

■ Flame & Citron (NR) 7:00 P.M. ■ Art & Copy (NR) 5:00,9:45

■ Dead Snow (NR) 12:00 Midnight

■ Ferris Bueller (PG-13) 12:00 Midnight

#### PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

1608 N. Wells, Chicago 888-AMC-4FUN

Show times change daily ■ Play the Game (PG-13) 1:50,4:20,7:00,9:30

■ Fifty Dead (R) 2:25,7:20 ■ Kaminey (NR) 3:00,6:15,9:15

■ Weather Girl (R) 1:10,3:20,5:30,7:40,9:50 ■ AMC Select Moon (R) 5:00,10:00

#### **RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)**

322 E. Illinois Stre 888-AMC-4FUN Show times change daily

#### AMC Select - The best specialty films

AMC Select Taking Woods. (R) 10:30,1:15,4:15,7:15,10:15 Halloween II (R) 11:00.12:00.1:50.2:50.4:40.5:40.7:30.8:30.10:30.11:30

Inglourious (R) 11:15,12:15,3:00,4:00,6:45,7:45,10:20,11:20

■ Final Destinatn (B) ◆ 11:30.2:00.4:30.7:00.9:30.12:00

■ Final Destinatn (R) 10:15,12:45,3:15,8:20,10:50
■ Shorts (PG) 10:35,12:50,3:05,5:30,8:00

■ Time Traveler (PG-13) 10:25,11:25,1:25,2:25,4:25,5:25,7:25 8:25,10:25,11:25 District 9 (R) 10:10,11:10,1:10,2:10,4:10,5:10,7:10,8:10,10:10,11:10

■ Goods: Live (R) 11:48,215,4:56,7:38,9:50
■ AMC Select Ponyo (G) 10:05,12:40,3:10,6:00,8:40,11:15
■ G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 10:40,1:40,4:50,7:50,10:45
■ Julie & Julia (PG-13) 10:00,1:00,4:50,7:50,10:05
■ AMC Select 500 Days-Sum(PG-13) 11:20,2:05,4:45,7:20,10:00

■ Funny People (R) 11:35,6:40,9:55 ■ AMC Select Adam (PG-13) 10:20,1:05,3:40,6:15,8:45,11:35 ■ The Ugly Truth (R) 11:05,1:30,4:20,6:50,9:25,11:50

AMC Select The Hurt Locker (R) 2:55,10:35
 Harry Potter (PG) 10:50,2:30,6:15,9:45

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Final Destinatn (R) ★ 11:10,1:30,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:30,12:45

Halloween II (R) ★ 11:10,1:150,1:40,2:40,4:15,5:10,7:00,7:50,

8;40,10:20,12:40

Final Destinatn (R) ★ 11:30,2:00,4:50,7:30,9:55,12:20

Taking Woods. (R) ★ 10:20,1:20,4:30,7:20,1:0:05,1:00

Final Destinatn (R) ★ 2:15,5:00,7:15,9:50,12:10

Inglourious (R) ★ 10:50,1:2:10,12:50,2:20,3:40,4:40,6:10,7:10,8:10,9:30,10:25,11:40

Post Grad (PG-13) ★ 10:35,1:2:50

Shorts (PG) ★ 10:15,1:245,3:45,6:15

District 9 (R) 12:30,3:30,6:30,9:10

Ponyo (G) 10:00,12:30,3:00,5:30,8:00

Goods: Live (R) 8:50,11:20

Time Traveler (PG-13) 10:30,1:10,4:10,6:45,9:20,12:15

G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 12:20,2:06:20,9:15,12:01

Julie & Julia (PG-13) 10:10,1:00,4:00,6:50,9:45,12:55

500 Days-Sum (PG-13) 11:40,2:30,5:20,7:45,10:10,12:35

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#### WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago (800) 326-3264 #1641

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Final Destinath (R) ★ 11:10,1:30,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:30

Halloween II (R) ★ 11:00,1:40,4:15,7:00,9:40

Inglourious (R) ★ 10:00,1:30,1:2:20,1:20,2:50,3:40,4:40,6:20,7:10,8:00,9:50,10:25

District 9 (R) 10:10,1:10,4:10,7:30,10:15

Time Traveler (PG-13) 10:20,1:00,4:00,6:40,9:20

G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 11:20,2:10,5:00,7:50,10:40

Julie & Julia (PG-13) 10:40,1:45,4:30,7:20,10:10

The Ugly Truth (R) 11:45,2:20,5:10,7:40,10:00

The Hangover (R) 10:50,1:50,4:20,6:50,9:30

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Final Destinatn (R) ★ 1:30,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:30,12:01

Halloween II (R) ★ 1:30,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:30,12:01

Halloween II (R) ★ 1:40,2:10,4:15,4:45,7:00,7:50,9:40,10:20

Final Destinatn (R) ★ 12:50,3:00,5:20,7:30,9:50

Inglourious (R) ★ 12:62,20,2:00,20,20,9:45,10:40

Post Grad (PG-13) ★ 10:10 P.M.

Shorts (PG) ★ 12:15,2:40,5:00,7:40,10:00

District 9 (R) ± 1:45,4:30,7:15,10:15

Time Traveler (PG-13) ± 1:20,4:20,7:10,9:55

Perfect Ge (R) ± 1:10,3:45,6:30,9:00

G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) ± 20,4:20,7:10,9:55

Perfect Ge (R) ± 1:10,3:45,6:30,9:00

G.Force (PG) 2:30,5:15,7:45

■ Orphan (R) 2:20,5:10,8:00,10:45 ■ The Hangover (R) 1:00,3:40,6:40,9:10

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Final Destinatn (R) ★ 1:30,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:30

Halloween II (R) ★ 1:40,2:10,4:15,4:45,7:00,7:50,9:40,10:20

Final Destinatn (R) ★ 12:50,3:00,5:20,7:30,9:50

Inglourious (R) ★ 12:60,2:50,4:00,6:20,7:20,9:45,10:40

Post Grad (PG-13) ★ 10:10 P.M.

Shorts (PG) ★ 12:15,2:40,5:00,7:40,10:00

District 9 (R) 1:45,4:30,7:15,10:15

Ponyo (G) ★ 12:15,2:40,9:10

Goods: Live (R) 1:10,3:45,6:30,9:00

Time Traveler (PG-13) 1:20,4:20,7:10,9:55

G-Force (PG) 2:30,5:15,7:45

Orphan (R) 2:20,5:10,8:00,10:45

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Final Destinath (R) ★ 12:00,1:55,3:50,5:45,7:45,9:50

Taking Woods. (R) ★ 1:35,4:10,6:45,9:20

Inglourious (R) ★ 12:00,3:05:01,9:15

Time Traveler (PG-13) 12:00,2:20,4:40,7:05,9:30

District 9 (R) 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00

Julie & Julia (PG-13) 1:45,4:25,7:05,9:45

500 Days-Sum (PG-13) 12:25,2:40,4:55,7:10,9:25

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(847/492-0123 & Final Destinator (R) \* 12:40,2:50,5:00,7:10,9:25 
Final Destinator (R) \* 11:35,1:45,3:55,6:05,8:15,10:25 
Halloween II (R) \* 12:10,1:32,5:44,5:10,5:28,6:45,8:00,9:20,10:35 
II Milgard (R) \* 11:55,2:25,4:50,7:15,9:05,5:05,8:00,9:20,10:35 
II Milgard (R) \* 11:50,2:25,2:15,3:40,5:05,6:25,7:45,9:10,10:30 
500 Days S (R) \* 11:50,2:52,5:15,3:40,5:05,7:35,9:55 
District 9 (R) \* 10:45,6:30,5:05,7:35,9:55 
Funny People (R) \* 10:30,5:05,6:35,7:55,9:05 
G-Force (PG) \* 1:20,4:30,7:20,10:10 
Inglourious (R) \* 12:05,1:50,3:35,6:15,7:10,9:05,10:20

G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 1:40,4:30,7:20,10:10 inglourious (R) ★12:05;150,3:35;15,7:00,8:35,10:20 Julie & Julia (PG-13) 11:45,2:55,5:45,7:05,8:40,10:05 Ponyo (G) 11:50,2:30;10,7:40,10:15 Post Grad (PG-13) ★1:10,8:30 Shorts (PG) ★12:00,2:20,4:40 Time Traveler (PG-13) 11:40,2:05,4:45,7:30,10:20

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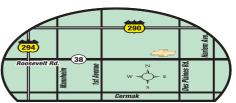




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#### Kid A/Hail to the Thief/Amnesiac

Radiohead

With its 2000 album "Kid A," Radiohead walked away from the primarily guitar-driven rock that brought it stardom. The album was a major break from its previous work and a more subtle and experimental approach that offered up a new, rich palette for the group. "Hail to the Thief" and "Amnesiac" more or less continued in that vein and continue to define modern Radiohead. Capitol has reissued the three albums as Collectors Editions, packed to the qills with extras and videos. saraн zupko, popmatters.com

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## **Oprah Network faces early problems**

#### **Los Angeles Times**

The Oprah Winfrey Network seems to have everything needed to succeed: some of the best creative minds in the business, strong financial backing, a loyal audience and enthusiastic advertisers eager to buy commercial time.

But more than 20 months after the announcement that Winfrey was teaming with Discovery Communications to create a cable channel that celebrates her ethos, "Living your best life," not much has happened-except for a revolving door of executives.

Three top programmers abruptly left the L.A.-based network in recent months, and development spending has been cut. OWN was supposed to have launched by now, but its debut has been pushed back to mid-2010.

Executives declined to provide a new target date.

"It's kind of like the Death Star over there-not a lot is coming out," said Brent Poer, managing director of the West Coast offices of the ad-buying firm MediaVest. "This is a signal that

they are trying to decide who they are."

Channel managers describe the fits and starts as growing pains of a new

In an interview, OWN chief executive Christina Norman said her team had spent the last few months examining their strategy, the mix of programs in development and the marketing messages. Norman acknowledged that she reined in spending at the channel, but said it simply made sense to tamp down the expenditures until closer to the launch. One person said she put a ban on frequent cake splurges.

In late July, the management group including Winfrey, who is chairman of OWN; Discovery boss David Zaslav; consultant Tom Freston; Norman; and the newly hired programmer, Jamila Hunter-spent an intense day at OWN's new offices on Wilshire Boulevard making "a deep dive" into the channel's DNA.

"We talked a lot about what we are trying to create here, and how do we wrestle it to the ground," Norman said.

"We started to see a big thread emerge and decided that we should be telling the stories of life, the things that matter to us-the love stories, the work stories and all the things that make up real life."

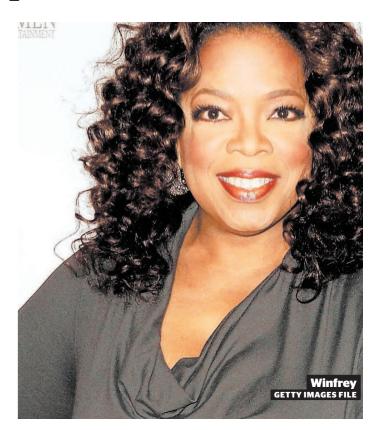
The channel plans to diversify beyond reality shows by acquiring documentaries. And it still is trying to figure out how to best involve Winfrey, especially after she is expected to end her syndicated daytime show in May 2011.

"We are going to do a ton of specials and find unique ways for Oprah to be involved," Norman said.

She added that this fall there would be announcements about programs and a channel launch date.

MediaVest's Poer said he understood why the channel was taking its time.

"It doesn't make sense to rush it," Poer said. "And long term, this is a smarter play. The worst thing that could happen would be to show everyone the baby, and then everyone says, 'Oooh, the baby's ugly.' What they are simply saying is, 'Let's don't give birth yet.'





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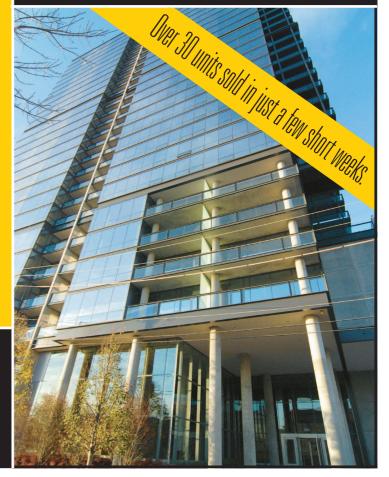
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**House of Joss** 

#### **By Dorothy Hernandez**

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Summer Glau, who played Cameron on "Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles" has a new job but a familiar boss. The actress has been cast in Joss Whedon's sci-fi show "Dollhouse," which is about "actives" whose blank minds are imprinted for specific missions, which usually entail having sex with someone. Before she was a Terminator, Glau starred on Whedon's "Firefly."

She's the latest Whedon show alum to nab a role on the Fox show. It's almost as if they just sit around

playing games and think of how they can star in Whedon's new projects. Oh, wait: Alan Tudyk told RedEye's Show Patrol blog that Whedon told him about his character during a night of playing Pictionary at "Firefly" and "Dr Horrible's Singalong Blog" star Nathan Fillion's house.

Here are current stars on the "Dollhouse" cast who have worked with Whedon before. Can you remember which Whedon show they were on? For more on "Dollhouse" and how Show Patrol blogger Curt Wagner wants to see an all-gal fight next season, go to redeye chicago.com/showpatrol.



#### REUNION?

These Whedon alums haven't come back—but we'd sure like to see them again!



Neil Patrick Harris

He was hilarious in "Dr Horrible's Sing-along Blog," which was an online sensation last



Eliza Dushku Character: Echo/Caroline



Alexis Denisof
Character: Daniel
Perrin, a U.S. senator leading a
witch hunt to track down the
underground organization



Amy Acker Character: Dr. Saunders/ Whiskey



Alan Tudyk
Character: Alpha







"Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Angel"

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Sarah Michelle Gellar

She played the titular character in "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." She should come back and square off against Dushku, who played her nemesis, Faith, on the show



David Boreanaz

Before there was Edward Cullen, his Angel had Buffy and other mortals swooning.



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For all the do-good causes Natalie Portman supports, she has a surprising affection for dirty rap.

"Really, really obscene hip-hop. I love it so much," Portman told Jake Gyllenhaal, her co-star in the upcoming "Brothers," in Interview magazine. "It makes me laugh and then it makes me want to dance." Portman's recent fave: Ying Yang Twins' "Wait (The Whisper Song)"—which came out in 2005. Sounds like she likes her rap obscene and outdated.



Cobain

#### **Being Kurt Cobain**

Kurt Cobain lives! Digitally, of course. The Nirvana front man will be a new avatar in "Guitar Hero 5," which also will feature hits "Smells Like Teen Spirit" and "Lithium," rollingstone.com reports. The interactive cartoon Cobain is shown with chin-length hair and wearing his signature ripped jeans and ratty, green sweater. "Guitar Hero 5" players also can

choose to play as Johnny Cash, Jimi Hendrix, Shirley Manson and Matt Bellamy of Muse. The game drops Tuesday.



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#### **Gossip in 'Town'**

OMG: Blake Lively and Ben Affleck? The "Gossip Girl" star is set to star as Affleck's troubled girlfriend in upcoming crime thriller "The Town," according to The Hollywood Reporter, Jon Hamm.

Rebecca Hall and Jeremy Renner also are on board the Affleck-directed film.

#### **Death Cab for Twilighters**

Listen up, "Twilight" fans! Death Cab for Cutie has landed the lead single on the soundtrack for "New Moon." billboard.com reports. "Meet Me on the Equinox" will debut on mtv.com during the Video Music Awards broadcast Sept. 13. On Aug. 21, a tweet from Death Cab's Chris Walla simply said: "Vampires!" The entire soundtrack, whose lineup has not been confirmed, is due for release Oct. 20. Alas, the movie doesn't hit theaters until Nov. 20.



Robinson

#### **Escape from** Chicago

Chicago's done it again. As you can see from today's RedEye cover story, reality TV loves people from the Windy City. That trend continues this fall, when Chicago law student

Jaison Robinson gets stranded with 19 other castaways on "Survivor: Samoa." The new season premieres at 7 p.m. Sept. 17 on CBS. For more Windy City reality, go to pages 30-31.



When indicted former Gov. Rod Blagojevich and his wife, Patti, will appear on "The View" for an



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